



## 1. Project Background

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan (the District Plan) is now over ten years old and is due for review.

District Plans must be reviewed and updated every 10 years. The review of the District Plan is an opportunity to influence how land use and subdivision is managed in the districts.

The three Wairarapa District Councils have resolved to continue having a Combined District Plan for all three districts, and to jointly review the operative Combined District Plan.

## 2. Draft Plan Engagement

The Draft District Plan was released for public consultation at the end of October 2022. This was an *informal* feedback process and an extra chance for the community to provide feedback ahead of the formal notification in mid-2023.

A total of 182 pieces of feedback were received. Feedback covered a range of issues, including:

- rural subdivision
- rainwater tanks
- provisions for agricultural aviation
- zoning
- renewable energy
- transport
- heritage and tree nominations

## 3. Joint Committee Workshop

The Joint Committee met on 16 February 2023 where it considered feedback from the

consultation relating to the following draft Chapters:

- Strategic Directions
- Rural Zones and Rural Lifestyle Zone
- General Residential Zone and Settlement Zone
- Open Space and Recreation Zones

The Committee also considered a report on the Impact of the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land. This NPS took effect in October 2022 and provides national direction to improve the way highly productive land is managed. The Proposed Plan is required to give effect to it.

## 3. Looking Ahead

All feedback is being analysed and will be used to inform a Proposed District Plan. A summary of feedback received will be published to the website once this process is complete.

A Proposed District Plan will be notified in mid-2023 and a formal submission process will be undertaken, with the ability to make submissions and further submissions.

Hearings will be held to consider submissions, followed by the release of decisions, and then an appeal period.

## 4. Website

The website – [www.wairarapaplan.co.nz](http://www.wairarapaplan.co.nz) – will continue to provide information relating to the development of the Proposed District Plan.